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SUBJ: SECURITY SUPPORT, MSG DETACHMENT

BEIRUT FOR RMO

REF: A. STATE 118683, B. BEIRUT 6575, C. SANA 1248, D. SANA 1237,
E. SANA 1081

1. AT PRESENT FULL MSG DETACHMENT (A/NCOIC PLUS FIVE WATCH STANDERS) AND TWO SEABEES ARE ON BOARD AND BUILDING PROJECT IS PROCEEDING RAPIDLY AND SMOOTHLY.
2. HOWEVER, AS REFTEL C, D AND E, POINTED OUT, FURNISHINGS AND HOUSING WERE KEY TO EMBASSY'S ABILITY TO FULLY SUPPORT MSG DETACHMENT. REFTEL (E) PARA 7, POINTED OUT SANA'S POSITION REGARDING SUPPORT FUNCTION.
3. TOTAL SLEEPING QUARTERS FOR ALL EIGHT PERSONS CONSISTS OF FOUR BEDROOMS AND TWO BATHROOMS. THIS IS TOTAL SLEEPING SPACE AVAILABLE IN TRANSIT APARTMENT AND FORMER GSO QUARTERS. AS TEMPORARY QUARTERS FOR EIGHT PEOPLE FOR POSSIBLE FOUR TO SEVEN MONTHS POST CANNOT REALLY CALL THIS ADEQUATE TEMPORARY QUARTERS. TRANSIENT QUARTERS FOR TWO TO THREE WEEKS- YES BUT FOR FOUR TO EIGHT MONTHS-NO. IT IS UNFORTUNATELY ONLY QUARTERS POST HAS AVAILABLE.

4. REF (A) AND (B) INDICATE THAT MSG'S ON BOARD ARE THE FUT-

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URE DETACHMENT AND WILL BE SERVING NORMAL ONE YEAR TOUR AT

HARDSHIP POST. IN VIEW CLEARLY SUBSTANDARD LIVING CONDITIONS, MORALE OF THESE MEN IS LIKELY TO SUFFER DRASTICALLY UNLESS POST AND DEPARTMENT CAN DO SOMETHING IMMEDIATELY TO GIVE QTE PLUS UNQTE TO THE MEN HERE.

5. POST STILL NEGOTIATING FOR MSG QUARTERS AND FEEL THAT WE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL AND WILL HAVE QUARTERS READY BEFORE ARRIVAL OF FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS FROM OTHER POSTS/USA. HOWEVER, IN INTERIM, POST HAS ONLY TWO OPTIONS AVAILABLE:

A) REDUCE MSG CONTINGENT TO FOUR MEN UNTI TWO SEABEES FINISH NECESSARY CONSTRUCTION RELATED DUTIES;
B) OR, IN AN EFFORT TO BOOST MORALE, ALLOW PRESENT MSG'S AND SEABEES FULL PERDIEM IN VIEW OF FACT THAT PRESENT QUARTERS, EVEN THOUGH GLQ, ARE SERIOUSLY INADEQUATE FOR NUMBER OF PERSONNEL WHO WILL OCCUPY THEM FOR LONG PERIOD OF TIME.

6. PLEASE ADVISE.
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